

# Dover, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Strafford**  
**Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA**  
**Seacoast**  
**Strafford Regional**  
**Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

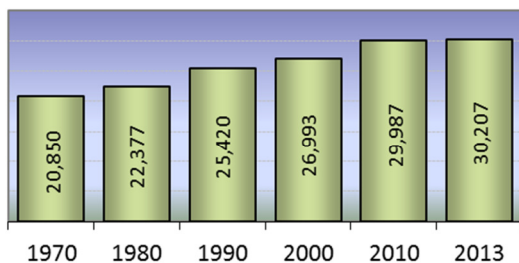
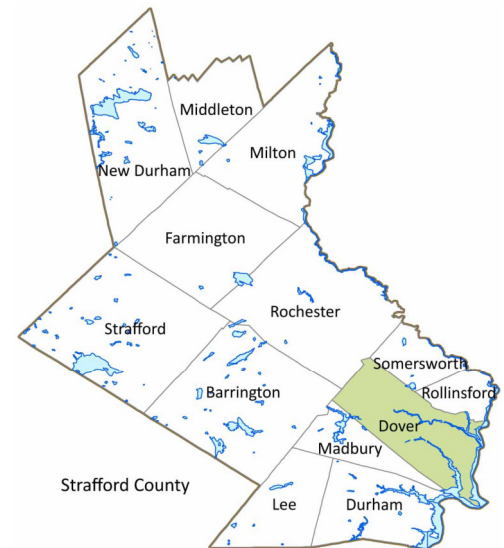
**District 1 (All Wards)**  
**District 2 (All Wards)**  
**District 4 (All Wards)**  
**Strafford County Districts 13, 19 (Ward 1) 14, 19 (Ward 2) 15, 20 (Ward 3) 16, 20 (Ward 4) 17, 21 (Wards 5 & 6)**

**Incorporated:** 1623

**Origin:** For the first fifty years of New Hampshire history, Dover was one of only three communities established in what is now New Hampshire. Settled in 1623 on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Dover was first called Hilton's Point, named after Edward Hilton, who procured for himself the "Dover and Squamscot Patent" in 1629. The town was also known by the Indian names of Newichwannock (place of wigwams) and Cocheco; and briefly called Bristol and Northam before permanently becoming Dover. The settlement was an independent government until 1641, when residents agreed to be annexed to Massachusetts; the town returned to New Hampshire when provincial status was restored by King George II in 1741. Dover's location on the Piscataqua and Cocheco Rivers made it a thriving center of trading and manufacturing. Dover was incorporated as a city in 1855.

**Villages and Place Names:** Bellamy, Cocheco, Gates Corner, Sawyers, Wentworth Terrace

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,998 residents in 1790



## Population Trends:

Population change for Dover totaled 11,076 over 53 years, from 19,131 in 1960 to 30,207 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 14 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, and the population has grown less than 15 percent each decade since. The 2013 Census estimate for Dover was 30,207 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 1,129.7 persons per square mile of land area, the seventh highest among the cities and towns. Dover contains 26.7 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Manager & Council	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$36,934,563	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014		\$46,225,864	
Zoning Ordinance		1948/09	
Master Plan		2010	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Recreation; Ethics; Open Lands; Arts; Transportation; Pool		
Public Library	Dover Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover		Local	124
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		City of Dover	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Yes	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.97	
2013 Equalization Ratio		94.7	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.10	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		72.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		25.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		13,190	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		6,634	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		2,627	
Five or More Units in Structure		3,588	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		341	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	<b>30,207</b>	<b>124,319</b>
2010	<b>29,987</b>	<b>123,143</b>
2000	<b>26,993</b>	<b>112,676</b>
1990	<b>25,420</b>	<b>104,348</b>
1980	<b>22,377</b>	<b>85,324</b>
1970	<b>20,850</b>	<b>70,431</b>
<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013</b>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>14,825</b>	Female <b>15,382</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>1,750</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>5,242</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>7,617</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>8,342</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>3,352</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>3,904</b>
Median Age		<b>36.1 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>90.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>37.8%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		<b>\$30,854</b>
Median family income		<b>\$71,950</b>
Median household income		<b>\$57,389</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$52,310</b>
Female		<b>\$36,921</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>8.7%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	<b>16,752</b>	<b>18,027</b>
Employed	<b>16,113</b>	<b>17,265</b>
Unemployed	<b>639</b>	<b>762</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>2,760</b>	<b>1,325</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 825</b>	<b>\$ 901</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>10,906</b>	<b>13,594</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 656</b>	<b>\$1,041</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>13,665</b>	<b>14,920</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 690</b>	<b>\$1,029</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>1,838</b>	<b>1,746</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 629</b>	<b>\$ 794</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>15,503</b>	<b>16,666</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 683</b>	<b>\$1,004</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**Schools students attend: **Dover operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 11**Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester;  
Somersworth Career Technical Center**Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,434</b>

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay; NHTI-Concord**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Southern NH University**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **27** Total Capacity: **1,208**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Liberty Mutual	Insurance services	3,500	
City of Dover	Municipal services	1,139	1855
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Health care services	1,100	
Cambridge Tool North	Die casting	190	
EAD Motors	Electric motors	172	
Hurcell Systems	Business equipment & parts	150	
Universak Recycling Technologies Corp	Electronics recycling	120	
DT Magnetics	High frequency transformers	105	
Foster's Daily Democrat	Newspaper	100	1873

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes **4**  
State Routes **4, 9, 16, 16A, 16B, 108, 155**  
Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exits 6-9; I-95, Exit 5**  
Distance **Local access; 10 miles**

Railroad **Amtrak Downeaster; Guilford Rail Service**  
Public Transportation **COAST; Wildcat Transit**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Skyhaven, Rochester** Runway **4,001 ft. asphalt**  
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Manchester-Boston Regional** Distance **43 miles**  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:  
Manchester, NH **40 miles**  
Portland, Maine **50 miles**  
Boston, Mass. **65 miles**  
New York City, NY **278 miles**  
Montreal, Quebec **285 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van **76.4%**  
Carpooled, car/truck/van **15.0%**  
Public transportation **0.0%**  
Walked **0.0%**  
Other means **0.0%**  
Worked at home **8.6%**  
Mean Travel Time to Work **18.0 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence **14.0**  
Commuting to another NH community **75.0**  
Commuting out-of-state **11.0**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks  
**X** YMCA/YWCA  
**X** Boys Club/Girls Club  
**X** Golf Courses  
**X** Swimming: Indoor Facility  
**X** Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
**X** Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility  
**X** Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
**X** Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
**X** Bowling Facilities  
**X** Museums  
**X** Cinemas  
**X** Performing Arts Facilities  
**X** Tourist Attractions  
**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)  
**X** Youth Sports: Baseball  
**X** Youth Sports: Soccer  
**X** Youth Sports: Football  
**X** Youth Sports: Basketball  
**X** Youth Sports: Hockey  
**X** Campgrounds  
**X** Fishing/Hunting  
**X** Boating/Marinas  
**X** Snowmobile Trails  
**X** Bicycle Trails  
**X** Cross Country Skiing  
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**Other: **Woodman Institute; Bellamy River Sanctuary**